

**U.S. Department of Labor**  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**Inspection Number:** 1020007  
**Inspection Date(s):** 01/22/2015 - 01/22/2015  
**Issuance Date:** 05/05/2015



**Citation and Notification of Penalty**

**Company Name:** D S Utilities, Inc.

**Inspection Site:** Corner of Lee Rd. and Washington Rd., Columbia, SC 29207

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**Citation 1 Item 1** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(4)(ii): Each employee on a walking/working surface was not protected from tripping in or stepping into or through holes (including skylights) by covers:

a) Northwest end of the jobsite: A 16-inch in diameter "test hole" that was drilled between the trench and the roadway was not protected by a cover.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

05/11/2015

Proposed Penalty:

\$2800.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.



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**Citation 1 Item 2** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1926.651(c)(2): A stairway, ladder, ramp or other safe means of egress was not located in trench excavations that were 4 feet (1.22m) or more in depth so as to require no more than 25 feet (7.62m) of lateral travel for employees:

a) Jobsite: An employee working in an excavation 9.5 feet in depth, was not provided with a ladder or other safe means of egress.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:  
Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection  
\$4900.00



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**Citation 1 Item 3** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1926.651(j)(2): Protection was not provided by placing and keeping excavated or other materials or equipment at least 2 feet (.61m) from the edge of excavations, or by the use of retaining devices that were sufficient to prevent materials or equipment from falling or rolling into excavations, or by a combination of both if necessary.

- a) Jobsite: While an employee was occupying an excavation the spoil pile on the south end was within a few inches to 1.5 feet from the excavation's south edge,
- b) Jobsite: An excavator was working as close as a few inches past the east edge of the excavation with nothing to prevent it from accidentally rolling into it.

**ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM**

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

05/11/2015

Proposed Penalty:

\$4900.00



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**Citation 2 Item 1** Type of Violation: **Willful**

29 CFR 1926.652(a)(1): Each employee in an excavation was not protected from cave-ins by an adequate protective system designed in accordance with paragraph (b) or (c) of this section:

a) Jobsite: The employer failed to provide cave-in protection for an employee working in an excavation 9.5 feet in depth.

**ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM**

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

05/11/2015

Proposed Penalty:

\$56000.00

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darlene Fossum", written over a horizontal line.

**Darlene Fossum**  
Area Director